

Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-11.

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended in order to correct for typographical errors.

Claims 15-20 are sought to be added. Claims 1 and 14 are sought to be amended. Claims 12 and 13 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as being directed to a non-elected group. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute similar or broader claims in a continuation or divisional application. Upon entering this amendment, Claims 1-11 and 14-20 are pending in the application, with 1 and 14 being the independent claims.

No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

Based on the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification for typographical errors relating to the description of elements 104 and 114. Based on the amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0097495 to Mei ("Mei"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 now recites at least a compensation device that adjusts the control signal applied to a first individually controllable element in the array of individually controllable elements to compensate for effects on the first individually controllable

element caused by the control signal applied to at least one other individually controllable element.

Similarly, Claim 14 now recites at least adjusting the control signal applied to a first one of the plurality of individually controllable elements to compensate for effects on the first individually controllable element caused by the control signal to be applied to at least one other individually controllable element.

Mei teaches control signals to turn mirrors in a digital light processor (DLP) or a digital mirror device (DMD) ON and OFF to form a certain pattern with the DLP or DMD. Even assuming, arguendo, that one mirror has a control signal adjusted based on a control signal of another mirror to form the pattern, there is no teaching or suggestion in Mei that this is done "to compensate for effects on the first individually controllable element caused by the control signal to be applied to at least one other individually controllable element," as now recited in claims 1 and 14.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 14. For at least the same reasons that claim 14 is allowable, new claims 15-20 should be found allowable over the applied references.

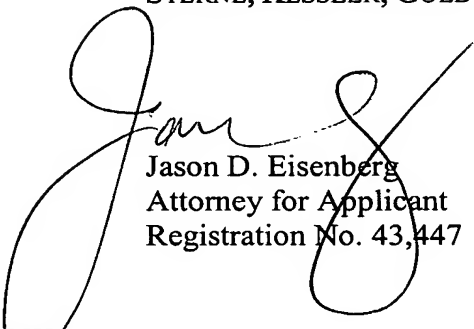
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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